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FOR THE YEAR
1959

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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 1959

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year 1959.

It will be noted that there is a big difference between the Crude and Corrected Death rates. This is due to the fact that the Crude rate is based on the number of deaths per thousand population which actually occur during a year. This figure is high, 16.54 per thousand, but similarly high rates will be found in all resorts to which people come to spend their retirement. In the same way one would find relatively low rates in the industrial Midlands. From this it could be assumed that life in the industrial areas is more salubrious than in Teignmouth. Fortunately the Registrar General has a mathematical factor which takes into account the age structure of the population in each district and when this factor is applied to the Death rate in Teignmouth, for 1959, it reduces from 16.54 to 9.43 per thousand. This figure is well below that for England and Wales as a whole.

It is also of interest to note that of the 178 deaths recorded in the year, 106 were aged 75 years or more.

Regarding the causes of death, it is pleasing to report that no deaths were due to Tuberculosis.

The incidence of reported cases of Infectious Disease was very low, being only 23 as compared with 303 cases in 1958. This low incidence is due entirely to the fact that Measles usually occurrs in epidemic proportions only in alternate years. During 1959 only 6 cases were notified.

The Port continues to be very busy and repeated requests are received from Ship Masters for facilities to be available at Teignmouth for the issue of deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates. An application has been made to the Ministry of Health for the Port to be recognised for this purpose.

I should like once again to thank the Chairman, Councillors, and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	2,350
Population Mid 1959	10,760
Population 1951 Census	10,597
Rateable value as at the 1st. January, 1959	£154,241
Rateable value as at the 31st. December, 1959	£163,106
Product of a 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1959	£ 607

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	52	59	111
Illegitimate	1	4	5
	53	63	116

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	10.78
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	12.83
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	13.65
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.42
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	16.5

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth rate per 1000 total population	0.09
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	8.55
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	18.27
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales	21.0

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 74.40 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths, during 1959, was 71.09 years and for female deaths 76.85 years.

Male	Female	Total
76	102	178

Crude Death rate per 1000 total population	16.54
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population	9.43
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.27
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	11.13
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	11.6

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births	25.86
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales	22.2

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 related live births	17.24
Neo-Natal Mortality rate England and Wales	15.8

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1959. Three maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four weeks	2	-
Infants under One year	1	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	-	1
25 - 44	3	-
45 - 64	12	13
65 - 74	18	22
75 and over	40	66
	76	102

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male.	Female
All causes	76	102
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	10
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	22
Coronary disease, angina	13	14
Hypertension with heart disease	3	-
Other heart disease	10	15
Other circulatory disease	3	7
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	2	2
Bronchitis	3	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	10
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
All other accidents	3	3
Suicide	1	-
	76	102

Total: 178

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	6	3	9
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	1
Measles	3	3	6
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Erysipelas	1	-	1
	13	10	23

Total: 23

TUBERCULOSIS

Four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1959. No cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

	Pulmonary	
	M	F
Under five years	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	-	1
25 - 44	1	1
45 - 64	1	-
65 and over	-	-
	2	2

Total: 4

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

No official action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts during 1959.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1959

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1959.

STAFF

On the 1st. April, 1959, Mr. P. Langston commenced his duties with the Council as Assistant Public Health Inspector and his services are particularly reflected in the figures of inspections of food premises, to which he immediately gave his attention in preparation for the Summer Season.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 4,029 inspections and visits were made to various premises for the stated purposes :-

Inspections in connection with General Public Health work - (This figure is inclusive of visits re Camping Sites, Public Conveniences, Schools, Shops, Infectious Disease, Verminous Premises, Piggeries, Licensed Premises, Miscellaneous Visits, etc:		826
Inspections in connection with Factories and premises where Petrol and Explosives are stored -		172
Inspections and Visits re Drainage and the application of Byelaws -		1178
Inspection and Visits re Housing - i.e. Slum Clearance Premises, Unfit Houses, Houses for repair and allocation of Council premises.		376
Inspections of Food Premises -		525
Fish Shops	44	
Bakehouses	71	
Butchers	115	
Dairies	36	
Other food preparation premises	12	
Grocers	168	
Greengrocers	42	
Ice Cream Premises	37	
Inspections of Restaurants and Cafes -		249
Inspections of Hotels and Boarding Houses -		140
Visits re Refuse Collection and Disposal -		356
Visits re Rats and Mice -		157
Visits re Sampling of Water and Ice Cream -		50

During the inspections re Drainage 674 Smoke and Water Tests were applied to various sections of drainage to prove soundness.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

During the year the following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

928 lbs.	Beef
106 lbs.	Pork
7 lbs.	Lamb
132 lbs.	Sausages
42 lbs.	Fish
154 lbs.	Fish Cakes
18 lbs.	Prawns
18 lbs.	Chicken
40 lbs.	Apples
40 lbs.	Prunes
14 lbs.	Sweets

also 564 tins and packets of various foods weighing approximately 1068 lbs. have been destroyed - a total weight of 2567 lbs.

Routine inspections to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations (as indicated in para: 2) have been made to Food Shops, Preparation Premises, Hotels, Cafes, etc: After repeated warnings it was found necessary to bring one case before the Magistrates Court. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £25 on each of two charges. Otherwise such improvements of premises and methods as were required were carried out voluntarily by the persons concerned.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to the 157 visits paid in relation to rat and mice infestations by the Public Health Inspectors, 313 visits have also been made by the Rodent Operator. These were made in the period 1st. April to 31st. December, 1959, to conform with the annual return made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Ministry has now reverted to the calendar year and hence the next report will show a full year's working by the Rodent Operator.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public or private swimming baths in this District, but bacteriological samples were taken of water in the Children's Yachting Pool on the Sea Front and of river and sea water at various points used for bathing and at various stages of tide. In examining sea and river water it is essential to judge results upon a series of samples and in this regard the series taken in 1959 was satisfactory.

RENT ACT

One request was made by a tenant for the issue of a Certificate of Disrepair under this Act.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse Collection and Disposal has continued normally during the year. A new Fore and Aft Tipping Collection Vehicle was purchased in July to replace the side loader which had been in use for many years. A weekly collection is afforded to all premises and this is augmented by a second collection from Shops, Hotels, Boarding Houses, etc: during the season. The collection of Trade Refuse from Shops at a charge of 6d per bin or equivalent package has been continued with satisfactory results in the removal of offensive matter from Food Premises, etc:

Tipping is continuing at the Council's Tip at Broadmeadow.

HOUSING

No building of Council houses or flats took place during the year and only 15 premises owned by the Council became available for reallocation to new tenants. Hence in view of new applications for housing, the List of Applicants has not diminished.

As far as possible, with the premises available, transfers are arranged between tenants so that the size of the house concerned is in proportion to the size of the family. Also if tenants find another tenant whereby a transfer between them can ease the problem of either overcrowding or underoccupation, the Housing Allocations Committee endeavours to make a mutual exchange possible.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. S. Tucker

Public Health Inspector.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	No: on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A	26	40	9	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A	88	132	18	-
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	114	172	27	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

		No: of cases in which defects were found				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insptr.	By H.M. Insptr.	
Want of cleanliness	S 1	15	15	-	-	-
Overcrowding	S 2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	S 3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	S 4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	S 6	2	2	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient	S 7	3	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective		1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for Sexes		-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act		6	6	-	1	-
TOTALS		27	27	-	2	-

No cases of outwork being carried on in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's report for the year ended 31st. December, 1959

During the summer the weather continued very fine for several months and we experienced what was believed to have been the worst drought of the Century, which was nevertheless followed by an extremely wet autumn and winter.

There was no cessation of supply during the Summer but a general restriction, in common with most of the Country, was imposed prohibiting the use of hosepipes and the use of water for washing cars and yards from 22nd. June to the 3rd. November.

No water was taken from Torquay this year, as it was possible to obtain the necessary supplies from Paignton by means of the new booster at Park Hill. Boosting took place from 20th. June to the end of September and the direct cross-connection was used again between the rising main in Exeter Road and the distribution main in New Road from 23rd. June to 1st. September.

STATISTICS

Population supplied:	Winter	11,000
	Summer	25,000 - 30,000
Total consumption:		207,377,000 gallons
Maximum daily consumption		800,000 gallons in June (restrictions followed this peak consumption and the maximum during the restricted period was 700,000 gallons, in August).

Engineer & Surveyor

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H.M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th. July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S, L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health:- Newton Abbot R.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
N.S. Tucker	Port Health Inspector	5th. June 1923	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st. April, 1959	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector -Teignmouth U.D.C.
Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health	Council Offices, Kingsteignton Road, Newton Abbot 'phone Newton Abbot 571			

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS	
Foreign Ports	137	28,649	3	14	Nil
Coastwise	305	77,988	2	12	Nil
Total	442	106,637	5	26	Nil

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR - Table C

Passenger Traffic ...	Number of Passengers Inwards Number of Passengers Outwards	This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920.
Cargo Traffic ...	Principal Imports - Timber, fertilizer, potates. Principal Export - Clay.	

PORTS from which ships arrive:- Abo, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Archangel, Brest, Brussels, Caen, Capella, Concerneau, Dunkirk, Ghent, Granville, Hamburg, Honfleur, Kotka, L'Orient, Le Havre, Le Legue, Morlaise, Nantes, Rouen, Rotterdam, Vannes, Genoa, Leghorn, Palermo, Quimper, Civita Vecchia.

COASTWISE:- Amble, Avonmouth, Belfast, Blyth, Cardiff, Fleetwood, Dublin, Goole, Hull, Keadby, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Plymouth, Port Talbot, Poole, Rochester, Shoreham, Southampton, Swansea, Silloth, Waterfore, Wicklow, Guernsey and Jersey.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX - NO CHANGE.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASE - NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

No cases of notifiable or other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

No action necessary under this section.

SECTION XII

Measures against Rodents in ships from foreign ports

No change.

SECTION XIII

Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

No notices were served during 1959

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No Change.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this authority.

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

No change.